Revenue loss to Postal Department

271. SHRIMATI SHOBANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after coming down heavily on telecom operators carrying grey international long distance telephone calls, his Ministry has now started to crack down on courier companies who are allegedly bringing post from foreign countries into the country illegally;

(b) if so, whether a number of courier companies in the country were bringing in huge consignments of post from foreign countries and then injecting into the Indian postal network to avoid payment of terminal dues to postal department; and

(c) if so, the total revenue loss Government suffered and the steps taken to check this revenue loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Banking facility in Post Offices

272. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Post plans to introduce anywhere anytime banking facility and bring all retail services offered by post offices under one roof;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal would be implemented throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) All retail services offered by post offices are generally available under one roof. As regards the introduction of anywhere anytime banking facilities, it is at a conceptual stage.